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TELECON Dinitz/Kissinger October 23, 1973 7:20 p.m.

- K. Are you in Cairo yet or the Aswan Dam?
- D. No. We are, to the best of my knowledge, just reacting to Egyptian fighting which continues.
- K. We have had a message from Sadat pleading with us to produce a ceasefire. Dobrynin is back and they are...themselves.
- D. Of course, I will pass this message on to the Prime Minister.
- K. We have been assured by Israel it is purely a defensive decision... Put that Jewish mind to work so that when the pressure starts you can start withdrawing a few hundred yards....
- D. I will askethe Prime Minister if she can find some sandpile.
- K. Not right now. The time to make moves is just a little bit before you are forced to and make them figure out what you just did. Then they have to generate new pressures. If you withdraw a few hundred yards....Tomorrow stop the fighting. Somebody will say announce that as of Thursday you are returning to the original position. You see what I mean?
- D. Yes.
- K. What I mean is that is my strong tactical advice. The trouble with your people is they have too much integrity.
- D. That is the answer I got when I suggested it. How could we possibly say this. We don't issue false communiques. I am with you. I have trouble with my people in Israel.
- K. Call me back in a half hour?
- D. Yes, I will call you back.